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How Office Seekers are Endorsed.

In the course of the investigation of al-

leged Treasury funds, sent on foot at the

instance of an ex-Governor of Kan-

sas, several matters of interest have been

developed. Barker appears to have been

no unsavory fellow that people who

knew him in Kansas were glad to get him

out of that State and help him into a liv-

ing at government expense. This is not

the first instance in which public office

has been used as a sort of reform school

for scoundrels.

But there is another feature brought

out in the testimony of ex-Governor Craw-

ford, of Kansas. He was testifying to

Barker's bad reputation when Barker

confronted him with a letter to the Sec-

retary of the Interior recommending him

for a place in the Patent Office. The ex-

Governor explained that he did this for

the benefit of the man's family and to

give him a chance to reform, and drew

this distinction: "I said you were a

good lawyer. I did not say you had a

good reputation."

Recommendation for office with a men-

tal reservation is no uncommon thing.

Men of position and influence lend them-

selves to it to keep a promise, to oblige

the friends of the applicant, or as the

easiest way to be rid of importunity. For

twenty-four years Republicans have been

doing it on a grand scale, Democrats ac-

cording to the measure of their opportu-

nities. The tables are about to turn, and

the bulk of the business will be done

by Democrats. The Democratic ad-

ministration will be imposed upon as

Republican administrations have been,

and men who stand well will be parties

to the fraud on the public service.

How is the appointing power to know of

the moral unfitness of an applicant? and

how can it save itself from humiliation if

the men on whom it relies for information

descend to misrepresentation?

Husband and Wife.

A physician of Youngstown sues for di-

vorced from his wife. The names of sundry

persons are connected with the defense,

and the gossip of the town are agog. The

husband bears himself so well, and shows

such advantage the kindly side of

human nature, that what he says is worth

reproducing:

I cannot find it in my heart to speak har-

shly of my wife, though knowing full well

of all that she has been guilty. For many

years my home was a happy one and my

house a model of neatness through the

watchful care of my wife. Her love for

the admiration of men finally proved her

ruin. I have borne it all, hoping against

hope, and willing that the past should be

buried in oblivion and only her virtues re-

membered, if she would again be true to

me. Believing that for my domestic hap-

piness was at an end, and for the sake of

my children, I took the only course left

open and applied for a divorce. All that

I desire is to obtain a legal separation and

the custody of my son. If I can do this

without bringing misery to other homes I

shall be content, as I do not desire that

others should suffer as I have done. The

case is commenced and it must be settled

in the courts.

There is heroism in the nature of a man

who can take this calm and charitable

view of his wrong. The stand he takes is

no indication of a lack of courage. It

shows rather a highly refined nature

like granite or cut like steel.

His wife's fondness of admiration, he

says, was the rock upon which his

happiness was split. This weakness has

wrecked many a happy home and will

wreck many more. There are wives who,

intending no harm, court admiration for

the mere sake of the passing triumph.

Sometimes they escape without serious

injury, except in the good opinion of

thoughtful people. Often there is a dead-

ly wound. Always there is danger.

The wife who is not content to com-

mand the admiration of her husband sows

tares. She will be very fortunate if she

is not called to reap the harvest of sorrow

and disgrace.

And For the Will-Breakers.

The second item in the voluminous will

of the late Reuben B. Springer, of Cin-

cinnati, shows his anxiety to dispose of

his property in his own way and to pre-

vent one of those disgraceful legal con-

tests which so often follow the death of

rich men. The professional will-breakers

will look with dismay on an instrument

guarded as Mr. Springer has provided in

his will.

He directs that any dispute or differ-

ences of opinion among the parties inter-

while coupling cars, \$15,000 damages.

The road thus heavily assessed is the Galves-

ton, Harrisburg & San Antonio.

The London Daily News thinks the word

"perhaps" is the favorite beginning of

sentences and remarks in Boston.

Peach and Japan Plum trees continue

to bloom at Green Cove Springs, Fla. So

do big mouthed alligators.

There is a band of elk in the Mongolian

mountains of New Mexico which many

hunters have tried in vain to capture.

"The Working Girls' Vacation Society"

is a new charitable society in New York,

whose name, at least, is suggestive of

good works.

Salinas, Cal., is troubled by a plague of

frogs. They hop in at open doors and

windows, and are a nuisance and terror to

nervous housekeepers.

The red sunsets have again made their

appearance in San Francisco, and are in-

terpreted by some as the reflection of the

war cloud wafted from China.

The Chinese have introduced opium

smoking among the Indians of British

Columbia, and it is said they are more in-

fatuiged with the drug than the Chinese.

The term cut glass is incorrect. Glass

cannot be cut, not even by the diamond.

The diamond cracks it and enables one to

break it. What is ordinarily called cut

glass is really ground glass.

He Was Cool.

There had been a row in a Western

town, and after a great deal of promiscu-

ous shooting Jim Jackson, a noted tough,

was killed and the fun stopped. Arrests

were made and the participants were

brought before the Court. When Joe

Duff, one of the principal witnesses, took

the stand, a young lawyer tackled him.

"Your name is Duff, I believe?" he said,

after a little skirmishing around the edges.

"That's what they call me," answered

Joe.

"You were in this row?"

"In course. For don't you see I'm losin'

any dimes for fun, does yer? I ain't

missed one in ten year in this town unless

I happened to be over the river partici-

pating in somethin' uv the sort on thet

side."

"Did you see this man Jack shoot at any

one?"

"Yes."

"Was it early in the difficulty?"

"Well, I never knowed Jim to wait for

interductions in a case uv urgency."

"Did he appear to be agitated when you

first saw him?"

"No morn' you'd be in chargin' a man

ten dollars for fifteen cents' worth o'

work?"

"Don't be personal, sir. I want to know

if Jackson was also cool in the latter por-

tion of the trouble?"

"Yer betcher life he wuz cool. He was

dead-colder'n a Sunday roast on a wash-

day."

The witness was ordered to step down.

How to Make a Bomboniere.

Take a strip of gilt paper four inches

long by three wide. On either end paste

a strip of red fire-gilt half an inch in

width, then a fine fringe of crimped

tissue paper (pale green) have a round silk

three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

Paste the gilt paper over this, lapping

the lateral edges and taking care that it

does not adhere to the stick. Slip the paper

part of the way off the stick and gather

up one end by tying it with a strong

white thread, leaving the fringe part

free. Remove all of the paper, stuff it

with cotton to keep the shape, and tie up

the other end. Decorate with a scrap

picture. They can be filled with suga-

rums and "crackers," but for this pur-

pose it is not necessary. The ends may

be varied indefinitely. A very showy

bomboniere is made of red and white

striped papers with reds of blue decorated

with gold stars and fringed with gold

paper. Colored paper edged with gold

and lace bordering is very pretty.

CORNUCOP.

These are easiest made over a tin form

which any tinsmith will make for a trifle.

They should be lined with white paper,

bordered with lace paper and a gilt edge,

tipped with gold and decorated with pic-

tures, medals, or cut glass. All that

is needed is a beautiful Christmas tree

has a moss trimming of tissue paper on

the top, and a tinsel tassel on the bottom.

A very pretty effect may also be gained

by festooning strings of pop corn, gilded

or silvered around gracefully over the tree

—the latter are prepared by simply dip-

ping them in sweetened water, and sitting

over them bronze or silver powder, such

as may be purchased at any stationer's.

In a word, the appearance and general

effect of a Christmas tree should be the

same as a most genial smile. Of course

it should not be all show, but like gifts ac-

companied by a pleasant smile, so the

presents from the Christmas tree are

clothed with peculiar interest to the little

folks.

Chased by a Squatter.

Messrs. G. E. Chispease, J. H. Taylor, J.

T. McDaniel and J. W. Strickland, of

Blakely, paid Fort Gaines a visit Sunday

last. When within a short distance of

town Messrs. McDaniel and Strickland

discovered a young squirrel near a branch.

Mac got out of the buggy and walked near

the little fellow, with the intention of

capturing him, and when within a few

feet of him stopped for a moment, when

the squirrel ran to him and climbed upon

his shoulder. Mac without molesting

him got into the buggy again. Becoming

frustrated the squatter, jumped to the

ground and ran up a tree, and when Mac

got out and held his hand against it, he

came down the tree and climbed to his

former position on his shoulder. To make

sure of him this time, Mr. Strickland's

wife was called in, and "bushwhacked"

him. He was brought to town, where

quite a number of our citizens had the

pleasure of seeing him. The boys fed

him on nuts, which he ate from their

hands without the least timidity.

An Independent Presbyterian.

The Judge.

A Nashville gentleman was overtaken

by a pious neighbor betting on the races

and using emphatic language, in Chicago,

during the past summer.

"Why, J—," said he, "do you swear?"

"Yes."

"And bet on horses?"

"Yes, sir."

"And play cards?"

"I do."

"Why, heaven help us, J—, I thought

you were a strict Presbyterian?"

"Oh, no," replied J—, "I am not. I

am an independent Presbyterian."

"Oh!"

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NEW.

"Don't talk to me about Wagner. I

was an intimate friend of Rossini and I

admire his music above all other operas."

"I think 'William Tell' his best work."

"Do you know his 'Barber'?" "No; I

always shave myself."—Figaro.

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